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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$760 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 47 pages, including 2 independent claims and 13 claims total.
3. Drawings - 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 12 figures.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 3 documents attached.



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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No.
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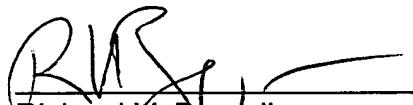
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due
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